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Dear Mrs. McKittrick:

I have your letter of April 24th saying that you are collecting material on the life of General Vallejo and are trying to verify stories about an acquaintance with Abraham Lincoln from 1863 on.

I am sorry I can give you no help. There are no letters of Lincoln's to General Vallejo preserved, so far as I know. He is not mentioned in any important biography, but that does not mean of course that he might not have had an acquaintance, even rather intimate.

Have you carried on any research in the records of the Federal Court of Claims in Washington? It may be possible that there you would find a hint of where to go. If you should find any documents connecting Vallejo with Lincoln I should be very glad to know of them.

Regretting that I can be of no help, believe me

Very sincerely yours

P.S. I should not hesitate to use the stories of Vallejo's visit with Lincoln if they have the Lincoln quality, although you should of course make it clear that they are tradition if you have no documentary evidence for them.

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